

# DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM

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FROM Amembassy BUENOS AIRES		CLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]
E.O. 11652: TAGS: SUBJECT:	GDS CASC, PFOR, AR Father Weeks to Depart Argentina August 18 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">UNCLASSIFIED</div> <div style="float: right; border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; font-size: 1.5em;">Cu 095</div>	
ACTION:	Secstate WASHDC IMMEDIATE [REDACTED] BUENOS AIRES 5387	
REF	Buenos Aires 5379 1. Father Weeks accompanied by Consular Officer Whitman and party arrived safely in Buenos Aires evening of Aug 17. Weeks is now scheduled to depart this evening (Aug 18) at 2000 hours aboard Braniff flight 978 which arrives Miami 0635 hours Aug 19. Weeks will change to Delta 174 which departs at 0800 hours and arrives in Boston at 1142 hours. 2. Weeks does not wish to talk to the press. The five seminarians who were arrested with him are still being held in Cordoba and he fears that any statement on his part might heighten prejudice their case and even <del>heighten</del> danger to their safety. The only information Embassy is <del>not</del> making available to press has been released here is that Weeks is in good health/and will be departing Argentina shortly. 3. Weeks has confirmed to us that he was not tortured or	

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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physically abused during his period of confinement. He was roughed up somewhat during arrest and ensuing search of house, but once he reached jail he indicates he was treated correctly.

4. Military authorities in Cordoba could not find Weeks' documents. His passport had expired anyway, and Embassy has issued new one (No. Z2603550). We have requested Foreign Ministry to clear his departure with Immigration and to have officer at airport to make certain no complications arise from his inability to present documents upon departure.

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